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Science and Technology, and other organizations or agencies on matters related to delegated responsibilities; and

(xiii) Review, clear, and coordinate all statistical forms, survey plans, and reporting and record keeping requirements originating in the Department and requiring approval by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

(12) Implementing policies established pursuant to paragraphs (a)(1) through (11) of this section by:

(i) Disposing of information technology that is acquired by a Department agency in violation of procedures or standards for the Department Information Systems Technology Architecture;

(ii) Establishing information technology and information resources management performance standards for agency Chief Information Officers, information resources managers, and project managers to be used in the performance appraisal process;

(iii) Approving the selection of agency Chief Information Officers and agency major information technology system project managers in accordance with criteria to be promulgated by the Chief Information Officer;

(iv) Provide recommendations to Agency Heads for the removal or replacement of information technology project managers, when, in the opinion of the Chief Information Officer, applicable laws and policies are being violated, or, when the cost, schedule, or performance of an information technology project would indicate management deficiencies;

(v) Withdrawing agencies' authority to obligate funds on Information Technology programs or projects if the agency violates the Chief Information Officer policies, standards, or Department Information Systems Technology Architecture;

(vi) Requiring agencies to validate and verify major information technology systems through the use of an existing contract for such purpose designated by the Chief Information Officer; and

(vii) Requiring approval by the Chief Information Officer of any proposed acquisition of information technology

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(whether through the award or modification of a procurement contract, a cooperative or other agreement with a non-Federal party, or an interagency agreement) to ensure technical conformance to the Department technical architecture.

(13) Provide management and operational support to the Secretary of Agriculture; the general staff offices; the offices and agencies reporting to the Assistant Secretary for Administration and for any other offices or agencies of the Department as may be agreed. As used in this section, such support services shall include:

(i) Information technology services, as listed in paragraph (a)(11)(v) of this section with authority to take actions required by law or regulation to perform such services; and

(ii) Forms management, files management, and directives management with authority to take actions required by law or regulation to perform such services.

(b) [Reserved]

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Subpart E [Reserved]

Subpart F—Delegations of Authority by the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

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§ 2.40 Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

Pursuant to § 2.16(a), subject to reservations in § 2.16(b), and subject to policy guidance and direction by the Under Secretary, the following delegation of authority is made to the Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Under Secretary: Perform all the duties and exercise all the powers which are now or which may hereafter be delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services: Provided, that this authority shall be exercised by the respective Deputy Under Secretary in

the order in which he or she has taken office as a Deputy Under Secretary.

§ 2.42 Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.16(a)(1) through (a)(4) and (a)(6) through (a)(8), subject to the reservations in § 2.16(b)(1), the following delegations of authority are made by the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services to the Administrator, Farm Service Agency:

(1) Formulate policies and administer programs authorized by the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1282 *et seq.*).

(2) Formulate policies and administer programs authorized by the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1441 *et seq.*), except the provisions of section 416(a)(1), (a)(2) and (b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, unless specifically provided herein.

(3) Coordinate and prevent duplication of aerial photographic work of the Department, including:

- (i) Clearing photography projects;
- (ii) Assigning symbols for new aerial photography, maintaining symbol records, and furnishing symbol books;
- (iii) Recording departmental aerial photography flow and coordinating the issuance of aerial photography status maps of latest coverage;
- (iv) Promoting interchange of technical information and techniques to develop lower costs and better quality;
- (v) Representing the Department on committees, task forces, work groups, and other similar groups concerned with aerial photography acquisition and reproduction;
- (vi) Providing a Chairperson for the Photography Sales Committee of the Department;
- (vii) Coordinating development, preparation, and issuance of specifications for aerial photography for the Department;
- (viii) Coordinating and performing procurement, inspection, and application of specifications for USDA aerial photography;
- (ix) Providing for liaison with EROS Data Center to support USDA programs and research with satellite imagery reproductions; and

(x) Maintaining library and files of USDA aerial film and retrieving and supplying reproductions on request.

(4) Administer the Agricultural Conservation Program under title X of the Agricultural Act of 1970, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*), and under the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590g *et seq.*).

(5) Administer responsibilities and functions assigned under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061 *et seq.*), and title VI of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5195 *et seq.*), relating to agricultural production; food processing, storage, and distribution of farm equipment and fertilizers, rehabilitation and use of feed, agricultural and related agribusiness facilities; and farm credit and financial assistance.

(6) Administer the Emergency Conservation Program under the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978, as amended (16 U.S.C. 2201 *et seq.*).

(7) Conduct fiscal, accounting and claims functions relating to CCC programs for which the Foreign Agricultural Service has been delegated authority under § 2.43 and, in conjunction with other agencies of the U.S. Government, develop and formulate agreements to reschedule amounts due from foreign countries.

(8) Conduct assigned activities under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act, as amended (50 U.S.C. 98 *et seq.*).

(9) Supervise and direct Farm Service Agency State and county offices and designate functions to be performed by Farm Service Agency State and county committees.

(10) Administer the Dairy Indemnity Program under the Act of August 13, 1968, as amended (7 U.S.C. 450j *et seq.*).

(11) Administer procurement, processing, handling, distribution, disposition, transportation, payment, and related services with respect to surplus removal and supply operations which are carried out under section 210 of the Agricultural Act of 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1859), the Act of August 19, 1958, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1431 note), and section 709 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1446a-1), except as